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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Alexander Michael Adams,

Adams Financial Concepts, LLC,

Respondents.

whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:

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NO. S-13-1221-14-CO01 SWORN STATEMENT

Alexander Michael Adams being first duly sworn under oath deposes and states:

- 1. I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this Sworn Statement is true, correct and complete. I have personal knowledge of and am competent to testify to the matters stated herein. Any capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Consent Order.
- 2. I am a registered investment adviser representative and one of the Respondents in this action. I am also the managing member and sole owner of Adams Financial Concepts, LLC, a Washington limited liability company (hereinafter, "AFC"), the other Respondent in this action. From May 2005 to present, I served as a registered investment adviser representative for AFC.
- 3. The Respondents disclosed orally to the four limited partners ("Investors A, B, C and D) of Adams Financial Partners, L.P. (hereinafter, "Adams Financial Partners" or "the fund") material conflicts of interest between Adams, the managing member of AFC, and Adams Financial Partners, as described in this Sworn Statement.
- 4. I orally disclosed to Investor A when documents were signed in late 2005 there would be a portion of funds invested in real estate. I further orally disclosed to Investor A in early 2006 a loan was being made from Adams Financial Partners that would be used to fund in

part the purchase and development of the Torvel Canyon (Liberty Bay) property. I did not name Schipper as the borrower. I orally disclosed the loan to Investors B and C, but did not mention the name Schipper. I orally disclosed the loan to Investor D in early 2007 at the time the documents were signed.

- 5. I disclosed orally to fund investors that Mike Adams and Mitch Adams, my son, were both involved and would personally profit from the development of the Torvel Canyon (Liberty Bay Landing) property. These oral discussions took place at or near the time Investors B, C and D each signed the fund's Limited Partnership Agreement, and with respect to Investor A, after Investor A signed the fund's Limited Partnership Agreement.
- 6. I disclosed orally to fund investors that additional loans were made by the fund for use in the Liberty Bay property in 2007.
- 7. I disclosed to the fund investors that Harold N. Fergusson, who had a resume showing over 20 years developing multiple properties, was the developer to the Torvel Canyon (Liberty Bay Landing) project. I disclosed that Mitch Adams upon his return from London in March 2007 would be working with Harold Fergusson on both projects. I did not disclose that Community Contract Renovations was removed as developer on April 27,2007 even though Hal Fergusson was still involved in the development of the properties. I disclosed orally to fund investors in late 2007 or early 2008 that Mitch Adams was the developer of the properties.
- 8. I disclosed orally to fund investors A, B, and C in late 2006 that the fund intended to make a loan for the purpose of purchasing and making builder ready the Harbor Lights project. I disclosed that this loan was made when Investor D signed documents in May 2007.
- 9. I disclosed orally to the fund investors that the loan made for the purpose of developing Harbor Lights was made to an entity affiliated with Mitch Adams.
- 10. The Stonecreek promissory note issued by Stonecreek and related transactions were disclosed orally to fund investors around the time the loan was made in September 2008.

Further, I disclosed	d the original \$50,000	note was a very s	mall part of the	\$2.4 million t	ota]
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- 11. I disclosed orally at the time I disclosed the loans around June 2007 to the fund investors that the Stonecreek note was personally guaranteed by Mike Adams and Mitch Adams.
- 12. No additional moneys were invested by the fund in Stonecreek in exchange for the promissory note addendum.
- 13. From 2011 through 2013, AFC borrowed in the aggregate \$202,633 from Adams Financial Partners. AFC borrowed these moneys from \$158,607 in incentive fees owed by the Adams Financial Partners to AFC, and \$75,000 in cash contributed by AFC to Adams Financial Partners.
- 14. Mike Adams made additional withdrawals in the aggregate amount of \$130,130 from Adams Financial Partners.
- 15. The promissory notes for Liberty Bay were amended in January 2013 and the promissory notes for Harbor Lights were amended in December 2011 to increase the amount payable under each of these promissory notes.
- 16. Neither AFC nor Mike Adams have any ownership interest in Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC, Schipper LLC, Eton Development, or Harbor Lights Development, LLC.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

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2	STATE OF WASHINGTON)					
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4	On this day personally appeared before me Alexander Michael Adams, to me known to					
5	be a Manager of the Adams Financial Concepts, LLC, the limited liability company that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said limited liability company, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that said individual is authorized to execute said					
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8	GIVEN under my hand and official seal this day of Jebruary, 2014.					
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17	On this day personally appeared before me Alexander Michael Adams, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he signed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.					
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Adams Financial Concepts, LLC (IARD #134545) Alexander Michael Adams (CRD #1492147)

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Securities Act of Washington, RCW 21.20, the Securities Administrator of the Securities Division of the Department of Financial Institutions ("Securities Division") and the Respondents, Adams Financial Concepts, LLC and Alexander Michael Adams ("the Respondents"), do hereby enter into this CONSENT ORDER in the settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondents neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as stated below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondents

1. Adams Financial Concepts, LLC ("AFC") is a Washington limited liability company that was formed on December 28, 2004. AFC is a Washington registered investment

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adviser. AFC was initially registered as an investment adviser with the state of Washington in August 2005. In August 2007, AFC became a federally registered investment adviser. In June 2008, AFC again became and has continued to be a Washington registered investment adviser. AFC's principal place of business is located in Seattle, Washington.

2. Alexander Michael Adams ("Adams") is a Washington registered investment adviser representative. Adams has been an investment adviser representative since 1992. From May 2005 to present, Adams has been a registered investment adviser representative for AFC. Adams is also the managing member and the sole owner of AFC.

Related Company

3. Adams Financial Partners, L.P. (hereinafter, "Adams Financial Partners" or "the fund") is a private investment fund that was formed as a Washington limited partnership on September 23, 2005. AFC is the managing member of Adams Financial Partners. In addition to investing in publicly traded stocks, Adams Financial Partners invested in several promissory notes that were issued by closely held companies related to Adams. The promissory notes were to be repaid from three real estate development projects for properties located in Kitsap County, Washington.

Fiduciary Duty to Clients

4. As set forth in WAC 460-24A-220, an investment adviser "is a fiduciary and has a duty to act primarily for the benefit of its clients. In particular, under WAC 460-24A-220(11), it is a dishonest or unethical practice for an investment adviser to fail "to disclose to clients in writing before any advice is rendered a material conflict of interest which could reasonably be expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice." AFC repeatedly failed to advise the limited partners in Adams Financial Partners in writing about material conflicts of DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

interest between Adams, the managing member of AFC, and Adams Financial Partners. As described below, Adams acted primarily for his own interest and his son's interest, instead of the best interest of his client, Adams Financial Partners, and its limited partners.

Offer and Sale of Limited Partnership Interests in Adams Financial Partners

- 5. Between December 2005 and June 2007, Adams offered and sold limited partnership interests in Adams Financial Partners to four Washington investors ("fund investors") who were also investment advisory clients of AFC. The limited partners invested approximately \$500,000 each, for a total of approximately \$2 million, in Adams Financial Partners. Each fund investor had a net worth greater than \$1 million when they invested. The investors expected to earn a profit from the pooling of their funds. The four fund investors comprise all of the limited partners in Adams Financial Partners. The fund investors relied on Adams and AFC to generate a return on the investments. AFC charged Adams Financial Partners a management fee and a performance fee for managing the fund's assets.
- 6. According to the Limited Partnership Agreement, dated October 17, 2005 (the "Limited Partnership Agreement"), the fund's initial purpose was to invest or trade in securities. Adams represented that he would use his expertise and experience in the securities industry to generate a profit for fund investors using a "long/short" trading strategy.
- 7. The Private Placement Memorandum, dated November 7, 2005 ("Private Placement Memorandum"), stated that AFC, the General Partner of the fund, was authorized to lend money or borrow money from entities in which the AFC or one or more of its affiliates serves as a manager, sponsor, administrator, investment adviser or otherwise, provided that such arrangements are disclosed within 90 days of consummation. The Private Placement

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Memorandum also stated that AFC, as the General Partner, was authorized to enter into transactions with other entities controlled by AFC, even if such transactions were not negotiated at arms-length.

In December 2005, Adams sold his first \$500,000 limited partnership interest in 8. Adams Financial Partners. In January 2006, contrary to what he represented in the fund's Limited Partnership Agreement, Adams used 40% of the initial investor's funds (\$200,000) to purchase an unsecured promissory note issued by Schipper, L.L.C. After purchasing this first Schipper, L.L.C. note, Adams sold a total of approximately \$1.5 million worth of limited partnership interests in Adams Financial Partners to three other investors.

Failure to Disclose Material Information Regarding the \$200,000 Promissory Note Investment

- When offering and selling limited partnership interests in Adam Financial 9. Partners, the Respondents failed to disclose within 90 days of completing the loan to Schipper, L.L.C. material information to fund investors concerning the \$200,000 Schipper, L.L.C. promissory note (the "Schipper Note"), as required by the fund's Private Placement Memorandum. The Respondents, in a sworn statement filed with the Securities Division (the "Sworn Statement") assert that the Schipper Note was disclosed orally to fund investors. However, no written disclosure regarding the Schipper Note was provided to fund investors at the time of their investment.
- Specifically, the Respondents failed to disclose in writing to fund investors that 10. Adams and Adams's son were both members of Schipper, L.L.C. when the investment was made. The Respondents failed to disclose that at the time the promissory note was purchased by the fund it was unsecured, did not have a fixed due date, and was a balloon payment promissory note with no periodic interest payments. The Respondents failed to disclose Schipper, L.L.C.'s DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CONSENT ORDER - 4

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operating history or provide any financial information for Schipper, L.L.C. The Respondents also failed to disclose that there was no market for trading the note and that it could not be readily resold.

- The Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors that the \$70,000 interest on 11. the investment was to be paid from revenues earned by a different company, Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC. The Respondents failed to disclose that company's operating history or provide any financial information regarding the company, or disclose in writing that Adams had a financial interest in the Liberty Bay project. The Respondents failed to disclose that Schipper, L.L.C. was a minority member in Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC. The Respondents represented to fund investors that the Schipper Note would be repaid through the development of a condominium project known as Liberty Bay Landing.
- The Respondents each failed to disclose to fund investors the risks of real estate 12. development activities. The Respondents failed to disclose the general risks of developing real property, including inadequate capitalization, economic and market risks, regulatory risks, environmental risks, and operational risks. The Respondents also failed to disclose specific risks about the Liberty Bay Landing project, including the projected costs of the project, the development requirements from the City of Poulsbo, and the identity, prior experience, and project history of the developer.

Misleading Quarterly Reports to Fund Investors

From 2006 to 2008, Adams Financial Partners sent quarterly reports to fund 13. investors. The reports incorrectly described the \$200,000 promissory note investment as a "real estate investment trust" that was owned by Poulsbo One, LLC. Adams and AFC each failed to

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disclose in writing to fund investors that Poulsbo One, LLC was never legally formed and did not own any real property.

Adams Financial Partners had audited financial statements for 2006. Those 14. statements reclassified the \$200,000 "real estate investment trust" investment as a loan receivable. However, the 2006 audited financial statements were not completed and delivered to the limited partners until June 2008.

Failure to Disclose Material Information When

Purchasing Additional Promissory Note Investments

Purchase of Additional Schipper, L.L.C. Promissory Note Investments

- In 2007, Adams Financial Partners purchased two additional promissory note 15. investments issued by Schipper, L.L.C. The first promissory note was dated July 2, 2007 and had a principal amount of \$103,000 with 4.5% annual interest. The second promissory note was dated August 12, 2007 and had a principal amount of \$45,000 with 5% monthly interest in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.
- When purchasing the additional promissory note investments, the Respondents 16. failed to disclose to fund investors material information regarding the transactions within 90 days of the investment as required by the Private Placement Memorandum. In the Sworn Statement, the Respondents assert that the promissory notes issued by Schipper, L.L.C. were disclosed orally to fund investors. However, no written disclosures regarding these promissory notes were provided to fund investors within the required 90 day period after each promissory note investment was made.

- 17. Among other things, the Respondents failed to disclose the company's operating history or any financial information regarding Schipper, L.L.C. The Respondents failed to disclose that both of the notes were balloon payment promissory notes with no fixed due date and no periodic interest payments. The Respondents failed to disclose that there was no market for trading the notes and the notes could not be readily resold.
- member and 100% owner of Schipper, L.L.C. The Respondents failed to disclose in writing that Adams's son was the developer for the Liberty Bay Landing real property. The Respondents failed to disclose that, although Adams's son had participated in a European real estate venture, he had no prior real estate development experience in the United States. The Respondents also failed to disclose that the promissory notes were unsecured at the time the promissory notes were purchased by the fund. The Respondents failed to disclose that Schipper, L.L.C. was a minority member in Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC, and the company that owned the land to be developed.
- 19. In the 2008 audited financial statements for Adams Financial Partners, management stated that the fair value of the land to be developed for Liberty Bay Landing was \$635,000, as of December 31, 2008. The Respondents failed to disclose that this amount was less than a \$700,000 note and deed of trust granted to Pacific First Financial, Inc., which encumbered the land.
- 20. In January 2013, Adams signed a promissory note addendum on behalf of Adams
 Financial Partners, which increased the amount of principal and interest that was due for the
 Schipper, L.L.C. promissory notes that were previously issued in 2006 and 2007. The interest
 and rate of return was changed to require Schipper, L.L.C. to "pay an interest and principal total

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for the three promissory notes of \$650,000 plus one half of the profits due Schipper, LLC of the build out of the property." However, before signing the addendum, the Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors the financial condition of Schipper, L.L.C. The Respondents failed to disclose the projected cost of building out the property and the source of funds for completing the build-out.

Purchase of Eton Developments, LLC Promissory Note Investments

- 21. In 2007, the fund purchased a \$161,419 promissory note investment from Eton Developments LLC ("Eton"), which was supposed to be repaid through the development of a mixed-use condominium and retail/commercial project known as Harbor Lights.
- 22. When purchasing the investment, the Respondents failed to disclose material information to fund investors within 90 days after making the loan to Eton, as required under the Private Placement Memorandum. In the Sworn Statement, the Respondents assert that the Eton promissory note was disclosed orally to fund investors. However, no written disclosure regarding the Eton promissory note was provided to fund investors within the required 90 day period. The Respondents failed to disclose that Eton was 100% owned by Adams's son, and failed to provide the operating history or any financial information regarding Eton. The Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors that the note had no fixed due date and was a balloon payment promissory note with no periodic interest payments. The Respondents further failed to disclose that there was no market for trading the note and that it could not be readily resold.
- 23. The Respondents also failed to disclose material information regarding the Harbor Lights property. The Eton note was due and payable "at the time of the sale of the property owned by Harbor Lights Development, LLC commonly known as Harbor Lights." Respondents

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failed to disclose to fund investors that the Eton note was unsecured at the time the Eton note was purchased by the fund. The Respondents failed to disclose in writing that Adams and Adams's son each had an ownership interest, through their holdings in affiliated companies, in Harbor Lights. Adams and AFC each failed to disclose that Eton was a minority member in Harbor Lights. Adams and AFC each failed to disclose that while the property was purchased by Harbor Lights in November 2006 for \$1,457,000, it was subject to a \$600,000 note and deed of trust to the seller of the property.

- 24. The Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors the general risks of real property development, including inadequate capitalization, economic and market risks, regulatory risks, environmental risks, and operational risks. The Respondents also failed to disclose to fund investors the specific risks of developing the Harbor Lights mixed-use condominium and retail/commercial project, including the projected development costs, the development requirements from the City of Poulsbo, and the identity, prior experience, and project history of the developer.
- 25. In December 2011, Adams signed a promissory note addendum on behalf of Adams Financial Partners, which changed the amount of interest that was due on the Eton note. The interest and rate of return was changed from an initial return of 35% per annum up to a maximum of \$100,000, to interest "at 35% per annum up to the full amount due to Eton Developments, LLC or \$500,000 whichever is the lesser from the Harbor Lights project."
- 26. Prior to signing the addendum, the Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors the financial condition of Eton. Before signing the addendum, the Respondents also failed to disclose the projected cost of building out the property, the source of funds for

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completing any build-out, and the basis for calculating any amount that would be due to Eton from the Harbor Lights project.

Purchase of Stonecreek Land Development, LLC Promissory Note Investments

- In September 2008, Adams Financial Partners purchased a \$50,000 promissory 27. note issued by "Stonecreek, LLC" and signed by Adams and by Adams's son. The note incorrectly identified the borrower as "Stonecreek, LLC", instead of Stonecreek Land Development, LLC. The Respondents failed to disclose that Adams and Adams's son owned 100% of the membership interests in Stonecreek Land Development, LLC ("Stonecreek"), a Washington limited liability company that was formed in 2007, within 90 days of the fund's investment in Stonecreek as required under the Private Placement Memorandum.
- In their Sworn Statement, the Respondents assert that the promissory note issued 28. by Stonecreek was disclosed orally to fund investors. However, no written disclosure regarding the Stonecreek promissory note was provided to fund investors within the required 90 day period after the promissory note investment was made.
- When purchasing the \$50,000 Stonecreek promissory note, the Respondents 29. failed to disclose Stonecreek's operating history or provide any financial information regarding Stonecreek. Adams and AFC each failed to disclose to fund investors that the balloon payment promissory note was "due and payable at the time of final plat of the Stonecreek Property," which might never occur. Adams and AFC each failed to disclose that the return on the note was 5% that was payable "upon or before the final plat of the Stonecreek Property," which might never occur. Adams and AFC each failed to disclose that an additional \$25,000 was to be paid "from profits if the Adams' are successful in obtaining a loan under favorable conditions to build out the property," which might never occur.

- 30. Before purchasing the \$50,000 Stonecreek investment, the Respondents failed to disclose in writing to fund investors that in 2007, Stonecreek had purchased the land to be developed from another LLC in which Adams had an ownership interest. The Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors that the Stonecreek note was unsecured. Further the Respondents failed to disclose the Stonecreek property received \$2.4 million in financing, including the \$50,000 Stonecreek note.
- 31. In August 2009, Adams sent a letter to fund investors, stating that a bank was preparing to foreclose on the Stonecreek property. Adams represented to fund investors that the \$50,000 Stonecreek loan was "fully and personally guaranteed by me and there will be no loss to the partners of Adams Financial Partners."
- 32. In October 2009, Adams and his son signed a promissory note addendum for the \$50,000 Stonecreek promissory note. Adams increased the value of the promissory note to \$72,000, with funds to be forwarded to Stonecreek. No additional moneys were invested by the fund in Stonecreek in exchange for the promissory note addendum. Before signing the addendum, the Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors the risks of the additional promissory note investment.

Purchasing Restricted Penny Stock

- 33. In March 2010, Washington Federal Savings Bank reacquired title to the Stonecreek land and eliminated any real property interest that was held by Stonecreek.
- 34. In August 2009, Adams personally guaranteed the repayment of the Stonecreek promissory note. To honor his guarantee, Adams later made an agreement to buy restricted penny stock from his son at a discount from the market price. Adams represented that the stock purchase would pay a return of \$72,000 for the Stonecreek investment.

35. Pursuant to an agreement dated April 30, 2013, Adams Financial Partners purchased 400,000 shares of International Display Advertising, Inc. stock (symbol: IDAD) at 41 cents per share, for a total of \$164,000. The stock was purchased at a discount of 26 cents per share from the market price (\$0.67 per share) on the date of the agreement.

36. The Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors that the stock was restricted and could not be publicly traded until April 25, 2014. The Respondents further failed to disclose that the stock could decrease in price, and that there was no assurance that the \$72,000 promissory note would ever be repaid.

Failure to Provide Audited Financial Statements

37. Pursuant to WAC 460-24A-107, investment advisers that have custody of funds held by a pooled investment vehicle must comply with certain additional safekeeping requirements. As indicated on its Form ADV, AFC agreed to provide audited financial statements to all of the fund's limited partners within 120 days of the limited partnership's fiscal year-end. Although AFC engaged an independent auditor to issue the audited financial statements, AFC failed to deliver audited financial statements for Adams Financial Partners for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Unauthorized Payment of Capital Calls

38. Between 2009 and 2013, Adams received three capital call letters on behalf of
Harbor Lights Development, LLC. All of the letters were signed by Adams's son and were
addressed to Adams personally. In spite of the fact that Adams Financial Partners had no
obligation to respond to the capital calls, Adams withdrew a total of \$26,000 from the fund to
pay for capital calls from Harbor Lights Development, LLC. Although Adams Financial

Partners did not have any ownership interest in Harbor Lights Development, LLC and had no

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obligation to pay their capital calls, Adams borrowed money from his client, Adams Financial Partners, to pay for his own and/or his son's obligations to pay capital calls from Harbor Lights Development, LLC. The Respondents failed to disclose this capital call within 90 days of its funding as required under the Private Placement Memorandum.

39. Similarly, in 2012, Adams personally received a capital call letter from Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC that was signed by Adams's son. In December 2012, Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC issued a capital call letter that was addressed to Adams personally. Adams withdrew \$25,000 from Adams Financial Partners to pay the capital call. Adams Financial Partners did not have an ownership interest in Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC and had no obligation to pay their capital call. Adams borrowed money from Adams Financial Partners to pay for his own and/or his son's obligation to pay a capital call from Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC. The Respondents failed to disclose this capital call within 90 days of its funding as required under the Private Placement Memorandum.

Promissory Note Transactions

- 40. The Respondents, in their Sworn Statement, assert that the fund had accrued and owed AFC \$158,607 in incentive fees and that AFC made a cash capital contribution of \$75,000 to the fund.
- 41. According to their Sworn Statement, the Respondents, from 2011 through 2013, borrowed in the aggregate \$202,633 from Adams Financial Partners, a client of AFC, and issued balloon payment promissory notes to the fund to memorialize the transactions. The Respondents failed to disclose to fund investors in writing the nature of these transactions within 90 days of each borrowing, as required under the Private Placement Memorandum.

Adams Financial Partners. Although the promissory notes for Liberty Bay were amended in January 2013 and the promissory notes for Harbor Lights were amended in December 2011 to increase the amount payable under each of these promissory notes, the Respondents failed to disclose potential conflict of interest transactions in writing to the fund investors as required under the Private Placement Memorandum.

- 43. Between 2009 and 2013, Adams withdrew \$46,000 from Adams Financial Partners to pay Poulsbo BOM Developers, LLC.
- 44. Between March 2010 and May 2012, Adams withdrew a total of \$57,250 for payments to Pacific First Financial, Inc., for its \$700,000 loan that was secured by the Liberty Bay Landing property.
- 45. Between 2010 and 2012, Adams withdrew a total of at least \$26,880 from Adams Financial Partners on five occasions to pay Harbor Lights Development, LLC. There was no obligation for Adams Financial Partners to make these payments.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, the offer and sale of the limited partnership interests and the promissory note investments described above constitute the offer and sale of a security, as defined in RCW 21.20.005(14) and RCW 21.20.005(17).
- 2. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, in connection with the offer and sale of limited partnership interests in Adams Financial Partners, LLC and the purchase of the Schipper Note issued by Schipper, L.L.C., the Respondents each violated RCW 21.20.010, by omitting to CONSENT ORDER 14

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state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

- 3. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, while receiving consideration for advising another person as to the value of securities or their purchase or sale, AFC violated RCW 21.20.020, by engaging in an unethical practice for an investment adviser.
- 4. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, AFC violated WAC 460-24A-107, the additional custody requirements for an investment adviser that manages a pooled investment vehicle, by failing to provide copies of the annual audited financial statements of Adams Financial Partners, L.P. to the limited partners within 120 days of the limited partnership's fiscal year-end.
- 5. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, AFC violated WAC 460-24A-220(11) by failing to disclose to clients in writing before any advice was rendered any material conflict of interest relating to the adviser of any of its employees which could reasonably be expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice.
- 6. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, AFC violated RCW 21.20.010, RCW 21.20.020, and WAC 460-24A-107, in violation of RCW 21.20.110(1)(b). AFC violated or failed to comply with WAC 460-24A-220(11), in violation of RCW 21.20.110(1)(g). Such conduct constitutes a ground for the entry of an order under RCW 21.20.110(1) to restrict or condition the investment adviser registration of AFC and to impose a fine.
- 7. As set forth in the Findings of Fact, Adams violated RCW 21.20.010. Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(6), as the sole control person of AFC, Adams is also responsible for AFC's violations of RCW 21.20.020, WAC 460-24A-107, and WAC 460-24A-220(11). Such conduct

constitutes a ground for entry of an order under RCW 21.20.110(1) to restrict or condition the investment adviser representative registration of Adams and to impose a fine.

CONSENT ORDER

Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest:

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, Adams Financial Concepts, LLC and Alexander Michael Adams, each shall cease and desist from any violation of Chapter 21.20 RCW, the Securities Act of Washington.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that the Respondents, Adams Financial Concepts, LLC and Alexander Michael Adams, shall be liable for and pay a fine of \$10,000.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that the Respondents, Adams Financial Concepts, LLC and Alexander Michael Adams, shall be liable for and shall pay the costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in the administrative investigation and hearing of this matter, in an amount of \$5,000.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Alexander Michael Adams and his agents and employees shall not offer, sell or recommend securities issued by any person, as defined at RCW 21.20.005(12), that is owned, controlled, or managed, directly or indirectly, by Alexander Michael Adams or his agents or employees, or by any of his relatives, as defined at RCW 21.20.005(13), without providing all material disclosures in writing prior to offering, selling or recommending such security.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that for a period of 10 years from the date of entry of this Consent Order Alexander Michael Adams may not be a principal, officer, or owner of an investment adviser, unless any such investment adviser files with the Securities

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2	as defined at WAC 460-24A-005(1), of any client's funds or securities. This provision shall not				
3	apply to the investment adviser's ability to directly deduct advisory fees from client accounts, as				
4	long as the investment adviser complies with all applicable custody requirements.				
5 6	IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this				
7	Consent Order.				
8	IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondents, Adams Financial Concepts, LLC and				
9	Alexander Michael Adams, entered into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and with a full				
10	understanding of its terms and significance.				
11	IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondents, Adams				
12	Financial Concepts, LLC and Alexander Michael Adams, each waived their right to a hearing				
13 14	and to judicial review of this matter pursuant to RCW 21.20.440 and Chapter 34.05 RCW.				
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16	WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE				
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18	SIGNED this 20 lay of February, 2014.				
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20	Signed by:				
21	ADAMS FINANCIAL CONCEPTS, LLC				
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23	By:				
24	A. Michael Adams, Manager				
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Alexander Michael Adams, Individually

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WILLIAM M. BEATTY Securities Administrator

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